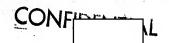
CLASSIFICATION Approved ROHNTGIALS SAITED XIGENISE CAGENOP82-004578503500640005-8 25X1 INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. DATE DISTR. 23 DEC 49 COUNTRY Austria/USSR NO. OF PAGES Recent USIA Developments SUBJECT CONFIDENTIAL RN TO CA LIBRARY 25X1 NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE 25X1 **ACQUIRED** SUPPLEMENT TO DATE OF IN REPORT NO. 25X1 THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 25X1 Future Disposition of USIA 1. Once again when conclusion of an Austrian State Treaty seems possible, speculation among USIA employees regarding the future disposition of USIA is increasing. GRIZENKO, chief bookkeeper of the Machine Construction Industry Administration of USIA, alleges that next year USIA will remove sales restrictions from many USIA products which heretofore have been withheld from Austrian consumers. Some A/O Avtovelo employees believe that the recent removal of three Austrian employees, 25X1 from A/O Podyomnik may be the first indication of a plan to recombine this department with A/O Avtovelo when the Soviets start to consolidate the USIA complex. USIA Trade with Yugoslavia 2. Of a total annual output of 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 sporting ammunition cartridges, Hirtenberger Patronenfabrik probably sells a maximum of 1,500,000 in Austria and therefore is confronted with the problem of competing with Czechoslovakia and Hungary for foreign markets. Despite Soviet efforts to sever all trade with Yugoslavia, USIA has recently been permitted to sell 4,500,000 percussion caps, manufactured by Hirtenberger Patronenfabrik at its original price through Austro-Romana Warenverkehrs G.m.b.H. to Technopromet, Yugoslav purchasing agency in Vienna. Meanwhile, 25X1 representative of Vardar, export-import firm in Skoplje, has doubled his recent order for the same item from Hirtenberger Patronenfabrik.* Communist Cover Firm for USIA "Letex" Ein- und Verkaufszentrale der vereinigten Leder- und Textilbetriebe, Vienna IV, Theresianumgasse 23, which is now serving as a Communist cover firm for USIA's leather and textile industries, recently published advertisements in Der Abend and Neues Oesterreich offering to purchase for cash or on a compensation basis large quantities of nylon, wool, and cotton stockings, flannel, silk lining, combed wool and other cotton fabrics.** CONFIDENTIA CLASSIFICATION X NSRB X AIR NAVY ARMY # Document No. Ng Change in This document is hereby regraded to Declassifi CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the

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A/O Avtovelo Finances

4. During the first three querters of 1349, A/O Avtovelo's business was an estimated total of 40,000,000 schillings; profits 4,200,000 schillings; expenses, 400,000 schillings. For the third quarter alone Avtovelo had a turnover of 10,600,000 schillings and a profit of 1,700,000 schillings.

Price Reductions

5. A/O Avtovelo is now preparing to cut prices by 40 to 90 percent on a large lot of unsalable products and raw materials valued at a total of 1,166,000 schillings. The following is a list of Avtovelo firms and the book value of items which are to be sold through Avtovelo's Sales and Purchasing Office:

| Firm | <u>Item</u> | Book Value in Schillings |
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| Austro-Fiat | Raw material | 400,000 |
| Kromag A.G. | Raw material Finished products | 115,000 100,000 |
| Hirtenberger Patronenfab | rik Raw material Finished products | 40,000 14,000 |
| Wiener Werkzeug- und Werkzeugmachinenfabrik, Ing. Frank & Co. | Raw material Finished products | 30,000 (previously reduced from 50,000 schillings) 41,000 |
| Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G. | Raw material Finished products | 47,000 (already reduced by 5/10 of 1%) 125,000 (original cost, 213,000 schillings) |
| Auto-Kuchlergesellschaft m.b.H. | Finished products and ramaterials | 40,000 (to be re- duced 10%) |
| Friedrich Weichmann's Na folger | ch- Finished products materials | and raw 41,700 (goods to be sold for 4,000 schillings, a reduction of more than 90%) |
| Schaeffer und Budenberg G.m.b.H. | Finished products and ramaterials | 101,000 (goods to be sold for 8,500 schill- ings,a reduction of about 90%) |
| Autohaus Alfred Liewers | Finished products and ra | w materials 57,700 (to be sold for 32,000 schillings, a reduction of about 44%) |
| Eugen Kohler | Finished products and re | w materials 32,600 (to be sold for 5,500, a reduction of about 60%) |



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Appearations 19/5, Friedrich heichmann's Eachfelger, Metallwarenfabrik und Appearations G.m.b.H. purchased from Schorler & Steubler, Aue, Saxony, and secentric alear, valued at 5,837 Reichs-Marks, which was delivered by the German firm but never said for. Recently when Schorler & Steubler requested USIA* assistance in obtaining payment of Meichmann's outstanding debt, an investigation of Meichmann's records revealed that the eccentric shear had been confiscated by the Soviets in May 1945 and in 1947 Meichmann's had paid its debt as a "credit entry" to USIA. Although the debt saims to be USIA's it is possible that Friedrich Meichmann's Nachfolger may have to compensate the German firm a second time.

USIA Personnal

- 7. STANDER, USIA Deputy for Administrative and Technical Matters, and SHEVCHENKO. Director of USIA's Commercial Bureau, are acting as deputies for Vladimir TIKHOMIROV, Seviet General Director of USIA who is now on leave in the Soviet Union.
- S. A/O Avtovelo employees believe that PSHENICHNIKOV, Director of Avtovelo's Sales and Purchasing Office, may be relieved of his job because he is being held accountable for a current shortage of windshield wiper motors. A short time ago, PSHENICHNIKOV authorized the male of the last of 600 of these motors and now Austro-Fiet has submitted an urgent request to A/O Avtovelo for 500. 25X1

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